

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re)
JUDICIAL WORKLOAD)
EQUALIZATION PILOT PROGRAM)
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GENERAL ORDER 96-02

The Ninth Circuit has established a Workload Equalization Pilot Program that allows for the hearing and determination of all issues through trial in certain adversary proceedings by designated judges from other districts within the Ninth Circuit.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California implement the Judicial Workload Equalization Pilot Program.

For adversary complaints which have been selected for this program, the procedure for filing papers with the Court is as follows:

(a) The parties shall continue to file the original and one copy of the adversary complaint with the Clerk of the

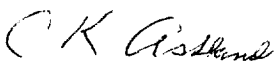
1 United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of
2 California. The Clerk will transmit a copy of the complaint
3 to the designated judge of the other participating court;

4 (b) Except in those instances where a judge's signature
5 is required, the parties shall continue to file the original
6 and one copy of all subsequent pleadings with the Clerk of the
7 United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of
8 California. In addition, the parties shall mail a separate
9 copy of all subsequent pleadings directly to the chambers of
10 the judge of the other participating court;

11 (c) Where a judge's signature is required, such as on a
12 default judgment, summary judgment or pre-trial order, the
13 original and one copy shall be mailed directly to the chambers
14 of the judge of the other participating court and a copy filed
15 with the Central District of California Bankruptcy Court.

16 Proceedings requiring physical appearances will continue to be
17 held in Los Angeles. It is the intent of the program that issues
18 be resolved via teleconferencing whenever possible; however, it
19 will be at the discretion of the judge hearing the matter whether
20 an in-court appearance will be required or whether teleconferencing
21 will be utilized.

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23 DATED: March 27, 1996

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26 **CALVIN K. ASHLAND**
Chief Judge, United States
Bankruptcy Court